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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S SPEECH BEFORE THE ASIA SOCIETY

1. FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF A CNA REPORT CARRIED IN THE JULY 1 CHINA POST:

QUOTE

NEW YORK, JUNE 29 (CNA): SECRETARY OF STATE CYRUS VANCE GAVE A SPEECH ON THE UNITED STATES' ROLE IN ASIA AND THE PACIFIC BEFORE AN AUDIENCE OF 500 AT THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY GALA DINNER OF THE ASIA SOCIETY HERE WEDNESDAY NIGHT.

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THE SECRETARY EMPHASIZED THE DEVELOPMENT OF PEACE AND STABILITY IN THE REGION.

HIS 25-MINUTE SPEECH WAS SO CAREFULLY PREPARED AND WORDED THAT INFORMED SOURCES SAID IT WAS AMENDED REPEATEDLY UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE. BUT WHEN THE SECRETARY APPEARED AT THE NEW YORK HILTON HOTEL TO ADDRESS THE US\$150 PER PLATE

DINER HE STILL ADDED A WORD HERE OR DELETED A PARAGRAPH THERE.

ON U.S. POLICY TOWARD CHINA, HIS PREPARED TEXT READS: "WE ALSO PLACE IMPORTANCE ON THE PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF THE TAIWAN QUESTION BY THE CHINESE THEMSELVES."

WHILE READING THIS SENTENCE, THE SECRETARY ADDED HERE "HIGH" BEFORE "IMPORTANCE" TO INDICATE THAT THE U.S. PLACES NOT ONLY IMPORTANCE ON THIS ISSUE BUT "HIGH IMPORTANCE."

TURNING TO ECONOMIC GROWTH IN ASIA AND THE PACIFIC, THE SECRETARY DELETED FROM HIS ORIGINAL TEXT A SENTENCE WHICH ENUMERATED THE GROWTH RATE OF KOREA, SINGAPORE, INDONESIA, MALAYSIA AND THE PHILIPPINES.

OBSERVERS BELIEVED IT WAS SO DELETED BECAUSE TO SPEAK OF FAST ECONOMIC GROWTH IN THE AREA IT (SIC) WOULD BE INCOMPLETE WITHOUT ALSO MENTIONING THE HIGH ECONOMIC GROWTH OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA.

TWO PARAGRAPHS WERE LEARNED TO HAVE BEEN KILLED BY VANCE JUST BEFORE THE SECRETARY STEPPED ON THE PLATFORM TO DELIVER HIS MAJOR ASIAN POLICY SPEECH.

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ONE PARAGRAPH CONCERNED THE U.S. MILITARY PRESENCE IN ASIA. AFTER EXPRESSING U.S. DETERMINATION TO MAINTAIN A STRONG MILITARY PRESENCE IN THE AREA, THE SECRETARY ORIGINALLY PLANNED TO SAY THAT THIS PRESENCE WILL BE AFFECTED BY CHANGING TECHNOLOGIES, IMPROVEMENTS IN THE SECURITY CAPABILITIES OF U.S. FRIENDS AND ALLIES, AND BY U.S. EFFORTS TO PROMOTE RECONCILIAT ON AND PEACE. THIS WAS DELETED, IT WAS BELIEVED, SO AS NOT TO CAUSE UNDUE CONCERN AMONG ASIAN PEOPLE OF A POSSIBLE CHANGE IN THE U.S. MILITARY PRESENCE.

ANOTHER PARAGRAPH WAS LEFT OUT BECAUSE IT MIGHT BE EXPLAINED AS AN INTENTION TO EQUATE U.S.RELATIONS WITH JAPAN TO THOSE WITH COMMUNIST CHINA.

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